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SUBJECT: VISIT TO HONDURAS BY DELEGATION FROM THE
PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF KOREA

1. ON MAY 27 A DELEGATION FROM PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF KOREA VISITED HONDURAS. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT, ACCORDING TO DELEGATION SPOKESMAN KIM RYONG TAEK, WAS TO PRESENT A GIFT FROM KIM II SUNG TO CHIEF OF STATE LOPEZ AND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE SOLIDARITY AND FRIENDSHIP THAT COULD EXIST BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES THROUGH COMMERCIAL, CULTURAL AND POLITICAL RELATIONS. TAEK FURTHER SAID THAT BOTH NORTH KOREA AND HONDURAS WERE FIGHTING IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION ON THEIR BORDERS AND ACCUSED ROK OF HAVING SOLD ARMS TO EL SALVADOR. THIS LAST POINT WAS REPORTED IN THEDAILY EL DIA OF MAY 31.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT HONDURAS WAS NOT ON THE ORIGINAL ITINERARY OF THE NORTH KOREANS WHO CALLED THE GOH FROM COSTA RICA ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT. THE GOH AGREED.

3. FIRST SECRETARY IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA EMBASSY IN MEXICO (ACCREDITED TO HONDURAS) LANG DOO PARK VISITED EMBOFF MAY 31 AND
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EXPRESSED VIEW THAT NORTH KOREANS' VISIT HAD TWO PRIMARY PURPOSES;

TO ESTABLISH A PRESENCE AND TO ENLIST GOH SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREAN
MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE
TOLD FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT NORTH KOREAN CHARGES THAT SOUTH KOREA
HAD SOLD ARMS OR SENT ADVISORS TO EL SALVADOR WERE NOT TRUE.
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